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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App: Gheng Zhang et al. : September 18, 2000  
S.N. : 09/206,329 : Group Art Unit 3737  
Filed : December 8, 1998 : Docket No. 970663.CON  
: Exam. George Evanisko  
For : AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING CONFIGURATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)**

Box CPA  
The Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits of the above-identified United States patent application,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

I. IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 19, 23, and 30 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A cardiac pacing system for use with unipolar or bipolar atrial and ventricular pacing and sensing leads, said cardiac pacing system including:
- (a) an atrial lead having atrial electrodes electrically coupled thereto;
  - (b) a ventricular lead having ventricular electrodes electrically coupled thereto;
  - (c) pacing means for providing a pacing stimulus to at least one of an atrium or ventricle of a heart, said pacing means electrically coupled to at least one of said atrial lead and